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SUBJECT: ANKARA EAC MEETING 09/01/2005

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Classified By: Charge Nancy McEldowney for reasons 1.4 (b),(c) and (d)

1. (SBU) Charge chaired the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on 9/01/05 to discuss implications of a second threat letter received by an Embassy Officer (reftel). In attendance were representatives from each of the following sections/agencies: RSO, MGT, CON, DAO, POL, PAS, MSG, ECON, INC, ESO, DEA, FBI, PMA, RAO, CLO, TSR, ODC, TLO, AFOSI, DET 1.

2. (SBU) Charge began the meeting by asking the EAC members to become familiar with existing guidance on the No Double Standard Policy (03 State 343631). Consular chief summarized the credibility, specificity and counterability issues addressed within this guidance.

3. (C) Charge then described the second threat letter that was received by the Embassy. RSO reported that the Turkish National Police (Intel Division) believe that the letter was written by the same person (or persons) and that its principal intention was to intimidate, rather than to forecast an attack. RSO also noted that the threat was non-specific and thus could apply to all Americans throughout Turkey.

4. (SBU) As schools in Turkey are reopening, the RSO noted that security briefings would be undertaken at all schools attended by American children. The EAC agreed that Istanbul and Adana would be advised to take appropriate precautions, including security briefings at their schools. The EAC also agreed to prepare a draft warden notice to Amcits reminding them to exercise caution.

5. (SBU) In terms of Embassy posture, RSO noted that two additional uniformed police had been placed on patrol outside the Embassy perimeter.

6. (SBU) RSO took the opportunity to remind EAC members about rally points (Assembly Areas) in Ankara and emergency procedures for child-care providers. RSO also reminded everyone about the Personal Security Awareness Checklist distributed last week and said that it should be discussed with family members.

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